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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Oscar L. AVANT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
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Application No.: 09/652,707 ) Examiner: D. Schlak  
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Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS ) Confirmation No.: 3487  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the  
Office Action of April 7, 2004. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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